

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the reasons that follow. Claims 1, 3, and 6 are amended. Claims 1-6 remain pending.

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as unpatentable over Sakamoto et al. (U.S. Patent 6,397,688). This rejection is respectfully traversed.


The rejection should be withdrawn because Sakamoto et al. fails to disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed invention. For example, Sakamoto et al. does not disclose, teach, or suggest a seat load measuring device that includes "a stopper pin that extends through both the center portion and the holes in the sidewalls", as called for in claims 1 and 6. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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